

Putting Down Roots

Partnership Establishes New Seed Warehouse for Utah Habitat Conservation Program



The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' Great Basin Research Center has a new home in Ephraim.

Completed in April 2004, the new 17,100 square foot facility provides storage space for up to 600,000 pounds of seed for wildlife habitat improvement projects, as well as work space for research personnel.

This project continues a fifty-year partnership between the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the Forest Service, in which both agencies work together to restore the productivity of Utah's rangelands, and to promote the use of a variety of plant species in their rehabilitation work. That spirit of cooperation was never more evident than when the Forest Service, through the National Fire Plan program, contributed \$368,500 for construction of the new facility. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources set aside space for the Forest Service to store at least 100,000 pounds of seed for use in fire rehabilitation projects on National Forest System lands.



As with any good partnership, others quickly joined in on the project. The City of Ephraim contributed materials and labor to the construction project, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation provided funds for a new seed mixing and bagging system.

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"This new facility will be the 'nerve center' for our habitat conservation program," said John Fairchild, the Habitat Conservation Coordinator for Utah Department of Wildlife Resources.
"It will greatly enhance our ability to provide technical assistance, seed and equipment for range restoration projects on federal, state and private lands statewide."

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